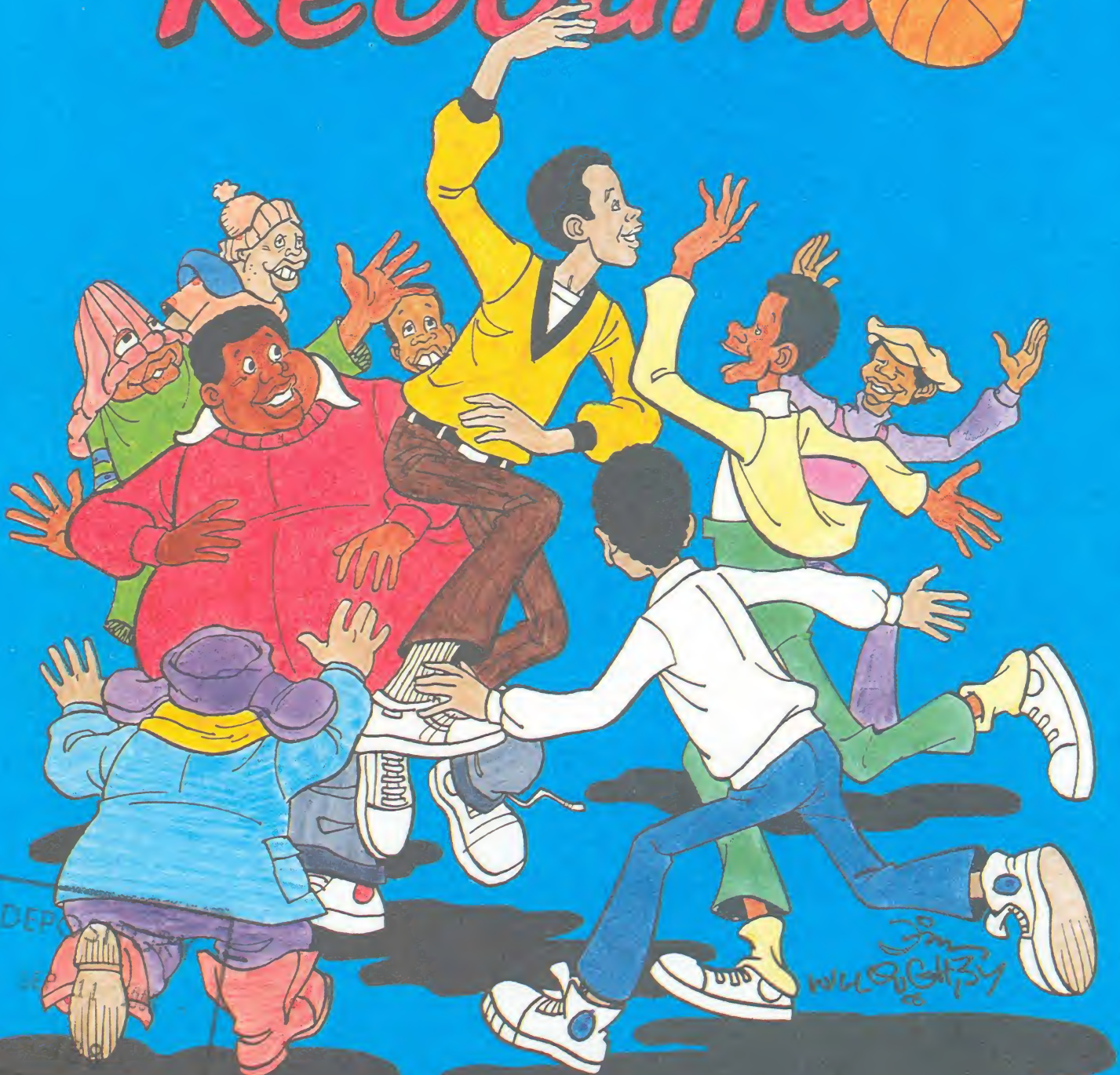




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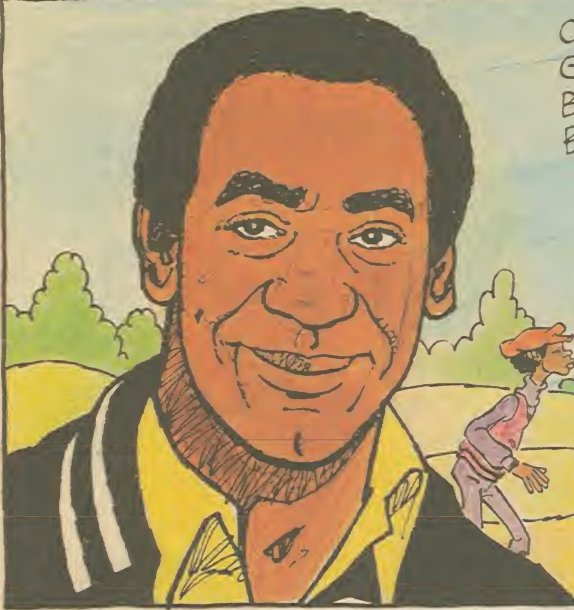
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COACH CONNOR WANTS BUZZY, THE NEW KID IN TOWN, TO GIVE HIM A HAND TEACHING THE KIDS SOME MOVES ON THE BASKETBALL COURT. THE COACH DOESN'T KNOW IT YET BUT BUZZY HAS MORE THAN BASKETBALL SHOTS TO TEACH THE KIDS.



Drawn by Jim WILLIAMS!

HEY! HEY! HEY!
LOOK AT THAT
NEW KID GO!

YEAH! HE'S
JUST A
SOPHOMORE
AND HE MADE
VARSITY!

HE'S GONNA
BE A STAR...
MAKE PRO!



BUZZY, I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THE BIG GAME ON FRIDAY. WILL YOU FILL IN FOR ME ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT THE SWIFT STREET PLAYGROUND?



YOU MEAN
COACH SOME
LITTLE GUYS?

SURE. EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE
NEW IN TOWN THEY ALL KNOW
YOU. THEY'RE WORKING ON
BALL HANDLING... YOUR
SPECIALTY.

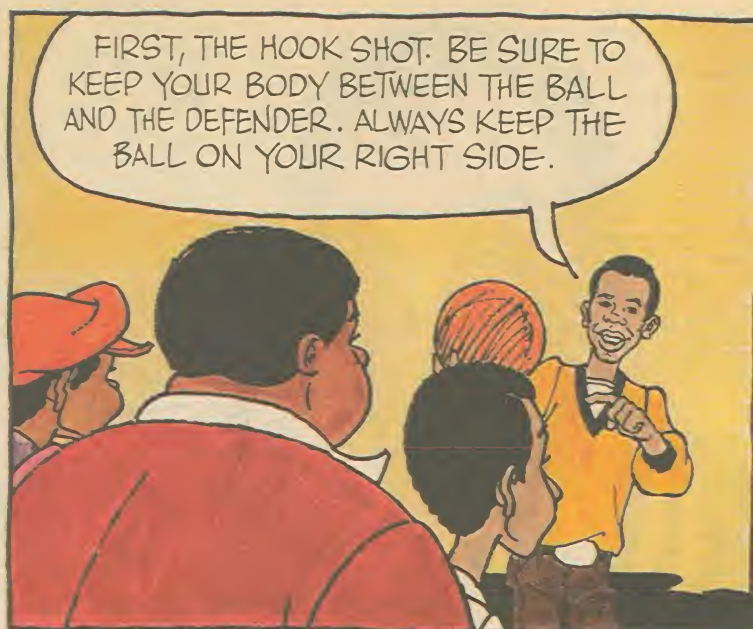
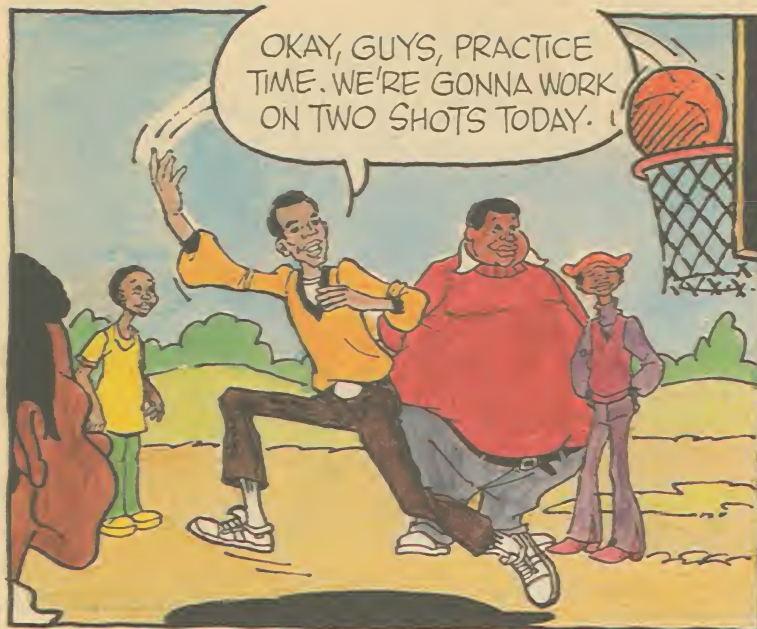
SURE, COACH,
NO PROBLEM.



ON MONDAY...

WOW, LOOK AT THAT GUY! HE
SURE CAN WORK THAT BALL!

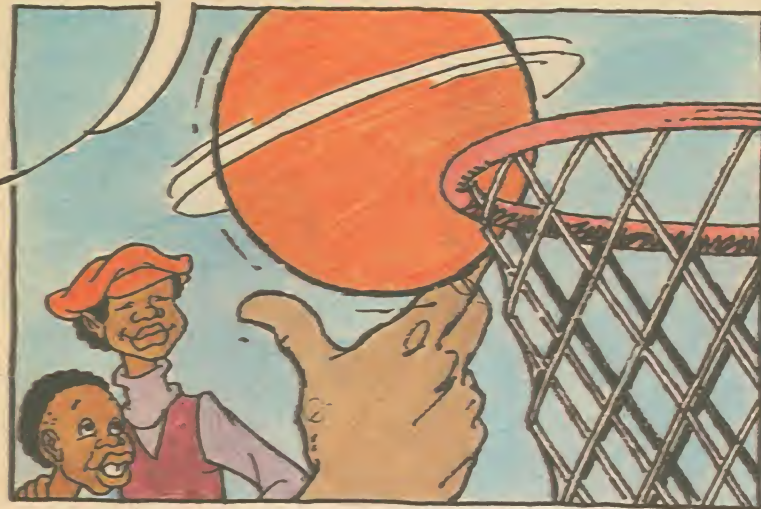




SECOND, THE JUMP SHOT. REMEMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE THE GROUND, RELEASE THE BALL AT THE HIGHEST POINT IN YOUR JUMP. USE YOUR WRISTS AND FOLLOW THROUGH.



OKAY, THIS SHOT IS MY FAVORITE, THE FINGER ROLL. AS YOU GO BY THE BASKET JUST ROLL THE BALL IN OFF THE END OF YOUR FINGER.



WOW, BUZZY, HOW LONG YOU BEEN DOING THAT?

ALL MY LIFE, I GUESS. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PRO BALL PLAYER. IT'S NOT EASY. YOU HAVE TO WORK AT IT ALL THE TIME TO BE GOOD ENOUGH.



BUT I WON'T EVER PLAY PRO BALL.

IT'S STILL FUN TO DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR BUDDIES AND YOU CAN PRACTICE AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT IMPROVING YOUR SHOTS.



TAKE SOME SHOTS, GROUP.



GOOD SHOT, RUDY... YOU'RE GETTING THE MOVES!

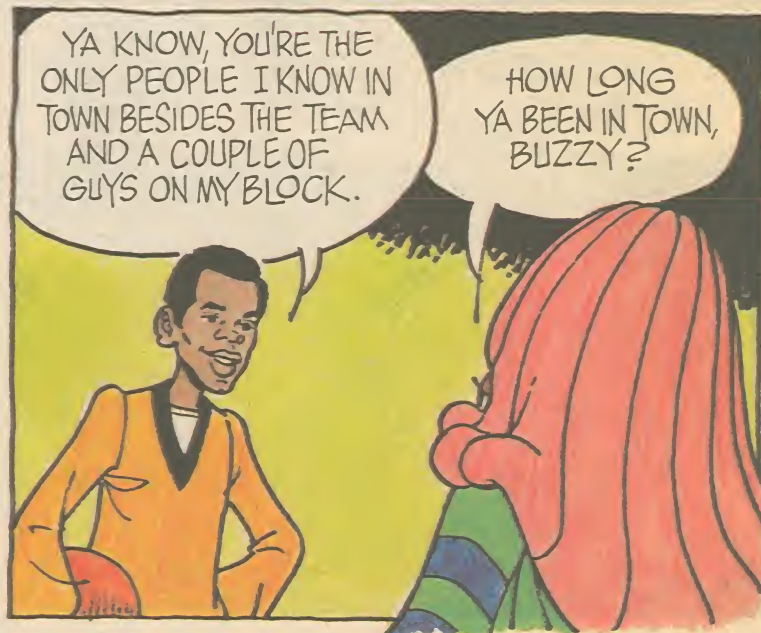


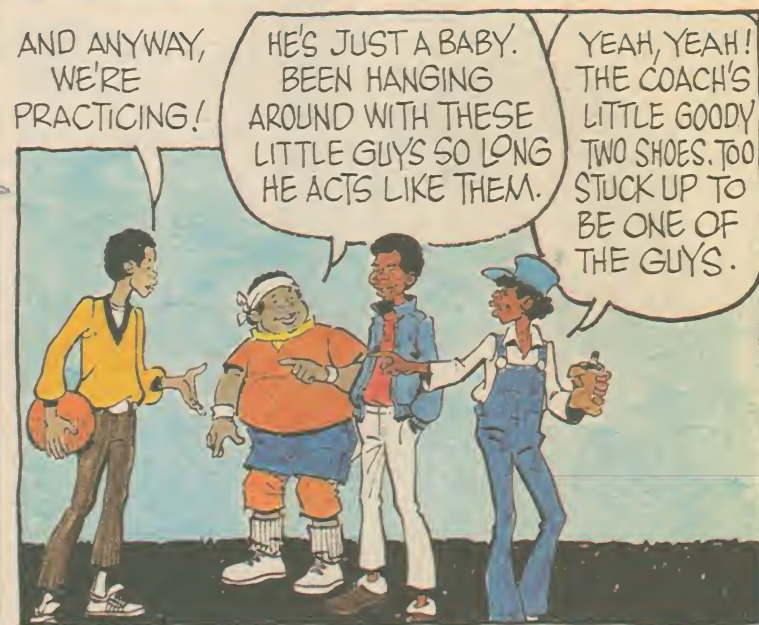
BUZZY HAS EARNED HIS LETTERS IN BASKETBALL. THAT KIND OF BALL HANDLING TAKES A LOT OF WORK, PRACTICE AND CONCENTRATION. KEEPING THAT BALL UNDER CONTROL IS REALLY IMPORTANT BUT OTHER THINGS NEED TO BE UNDER CONTROL TOO. WATCH THIS...



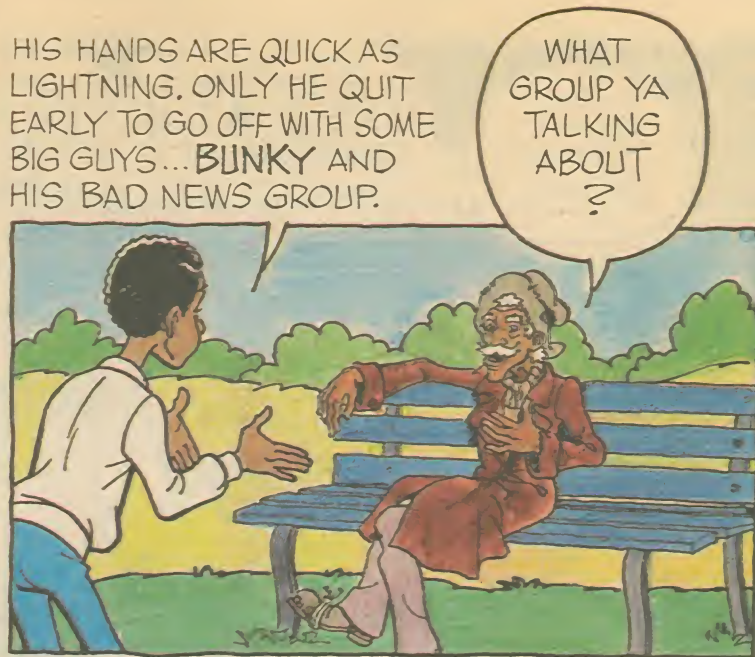
YA KNOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE I KNOW IN TOWN BESIDES THE TEAM AND A COUPLE OF GUYS ON MY BLOCK.

HOW LONG YA BEEN IN TOWN, BUZZY?









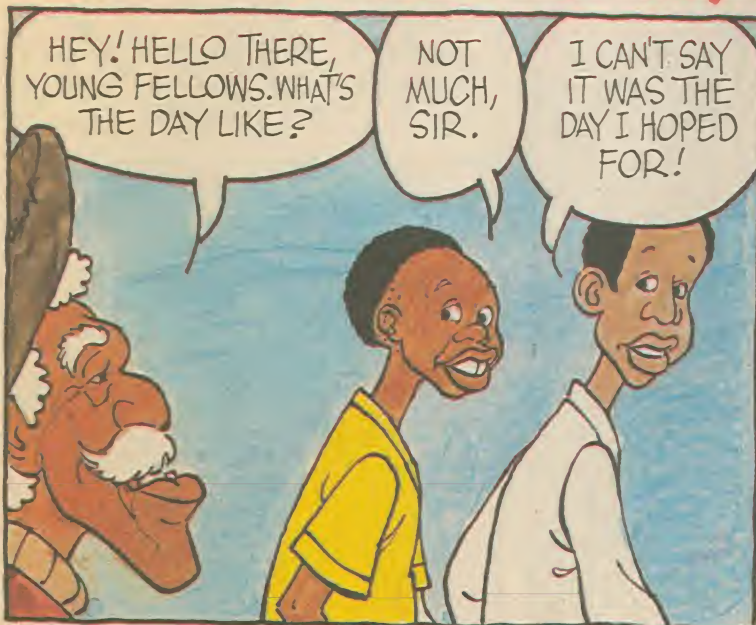
ON WEDNESDAY THE COSBY KIDS ARE BACK ON COURT FOR THEIR SECOND LESSON WITH BUZZY.



FAT ALBERT AND THE KIDS WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON. EVERYBODY'S JUGGLING A BROWN PAPER BAG AND BALL BUT THERE'S SURE NOT A BASKETBALL GAME GOING ON. I HOPE I'M WRONG BUT I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO FIGURE IT OUT.







YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT WASN'T **HIS** FAULT.
HE WAS OUT OF CONTROL.

OKAY, GUYS, WHAT
HAPPENED?

ALL I COULD MAKE OUT
WAS THAT THERE WAS TOO
MUCH DRINKING AND NOT
ENOUGH PLAYING.

WHO WAS DOING
"TOO MUCH
DRINKING"?

BUZZY AND
THE BIG GUYS
WITH HIM.

NOT ONLY WERE THEY
PASSING AROUND A BOTTLE
BUT THEY WERE TRYING
TO PUSH US AROUND.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
BUZZY IS AN OKAY DUDE
BUT HE WAS MEAN TO US,
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE
WAS WITH THOSE GUYS.

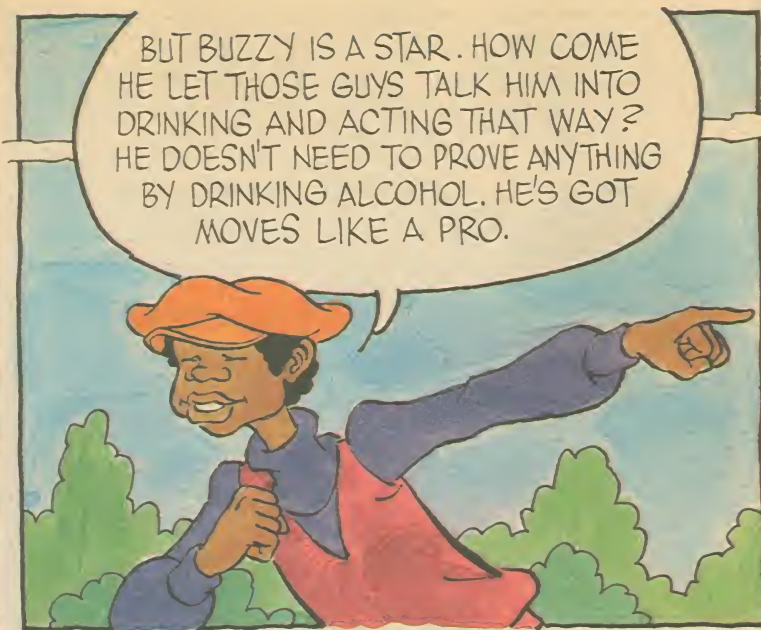
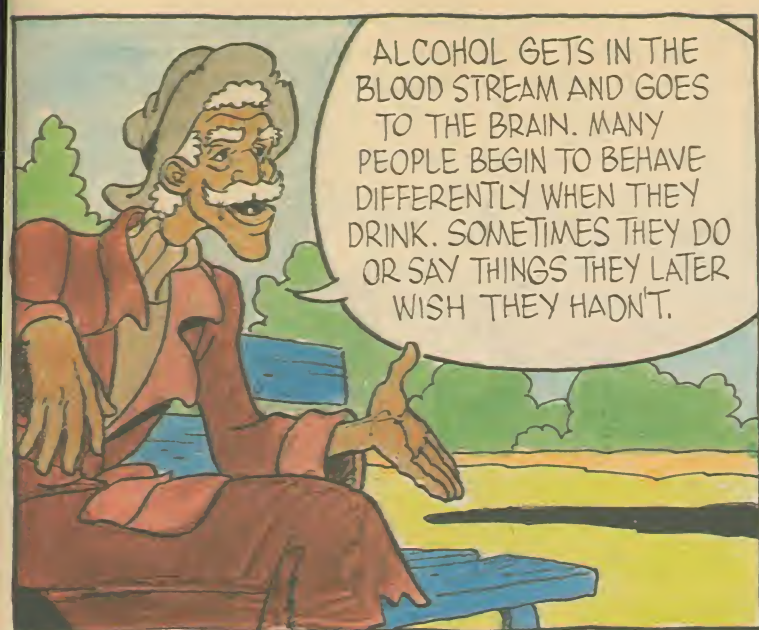
AND HE LET THOSE
GUYS MAKE FUN OF
HIM. DID YOU SEE
THAT?

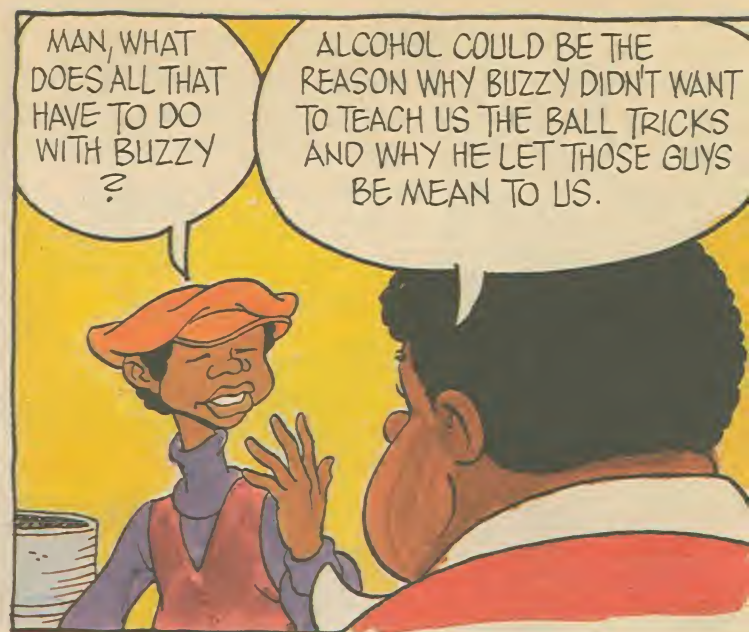
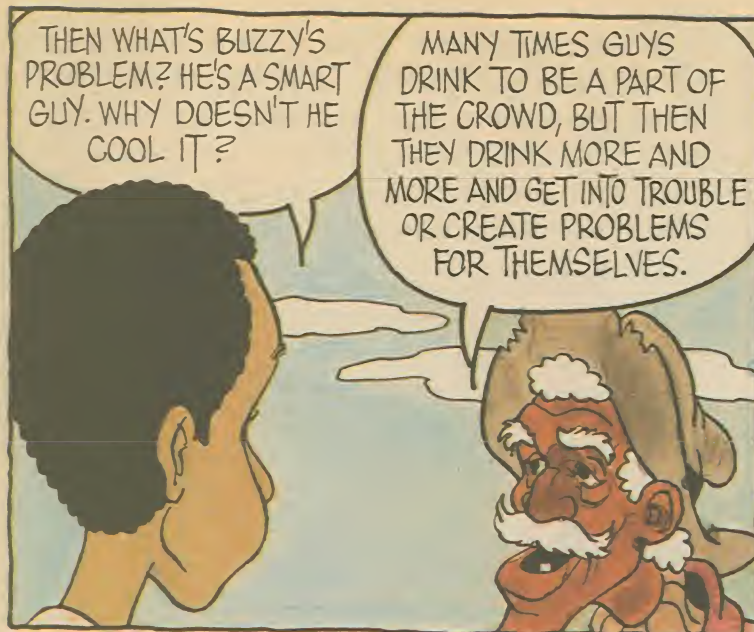
WELL, YOU NEED TO LEARN SOME
BASIC FACTS ABOUT ALCOHOL AND
WHAT IT DOES TO THE MIND AND BODY.

BUT WHAT DOES
THAT HAVE TO DO
WITH BUZZY LETTING
THOSE GUYS PUSH
US AROUND?

YEAH! WHAT
MAKES DRINK-
ING ALCOHOL
CHANGE AN
OKAY DUDE LIKE
BUZZY?

ALCOHOL CAN CHANGE THE WAY
PEOPLE ACT. SOMETIMES THEY GET
SILLY; SOMETIMES ALCOHOL CAUSES
THEM TO LOSE THEIR COOL. AND WHEN
THAT HAPPENS PEOPLE'S TEMPERA-
MENTS CAN FLARE UP AND THEY CAN GET MAD...
EVEN **FIGHT!**







THAT NIGHT AT THE SCHOOL GYM...

TONIGHT CENTRAL'S **SABERS** MEET THE **HAWKS** FOR THE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. BOTH TEAMS ARE WARMING UP AND LOOK REAL GOOD. I DON'T SEE SABERS' STAR, BUZZY COLLINS. THEIR HOPES FOR THE TROPHY REST ON THIS YOUNG SOPHOMORE WHO JOINED THE TEAM JUST FOUR WEEKS AGO.

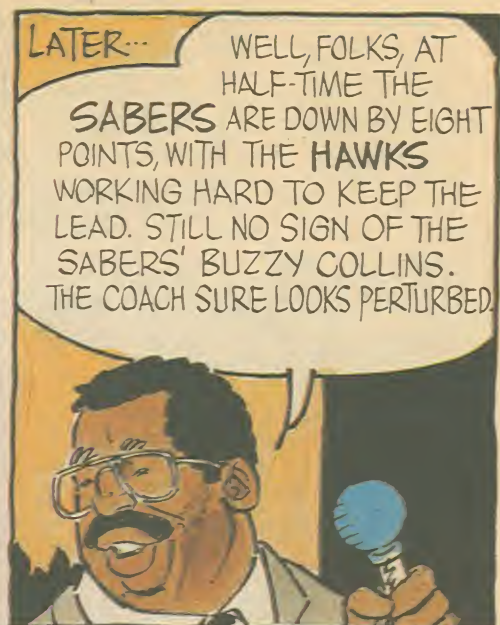




I SAW HIM EARLIER
BEHIND THE SCHOOL ...
BUT THAT WAS A
WHILE AGO.

HE WAS WITH THREE
GUYS ON THE PARKING
LOT WHEN I CAME IN.

I SEE HIS FOLKS
HERE. WHERE IS
THAT GUY?!



LATER...

WELL, FOLKS, AT
HALF-TIME THE
SABERS ARE DOWN BY EIGHT
POINTS, WITH THE **HAWKS**
WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE
LEAD. STILL NO SIGN OF THE
SABERS' BUZZY COLLINS.
THE COACH SURE LOOKS PERTURBED.

IN THE LOCKER ROOM AT HALF-TIME:



YOU GUYS
NEED...



LOOK WHAT WE
BROUGHT YOU...YOUR
STAR, THE BUZZ SAW.

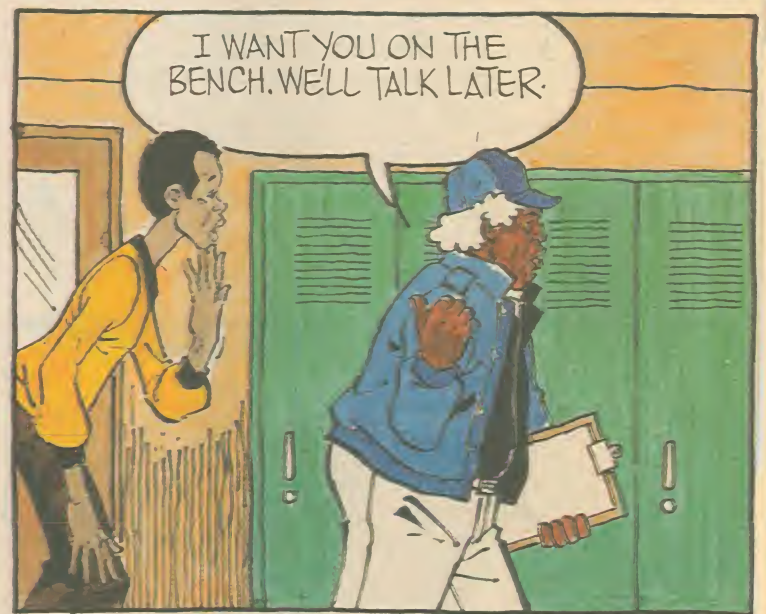
SORRY, COACH.
I GOT TIED UP.
I'LL BE IN UNIFORM
IN A MINUTE.

...TO PERK
IT UP!



YOU'RE NOT
PLAYING!

HUH
?



I WANT YOU ON THE
BENCH. WE'LL TALK LATER.

AS THE GAME ENDS...

THIS HAS BEEN THE HARDEST FOUGHT GAME OF THE YEAR...AND A SURPRISE 71 TO 68 WIN FOR THE HAWKS. AS THE DEJECTED SABER TEAM LEAVES THE FLOOR, LET'S TRY TO GET A WORD WITH COACH O'CONNOR...



LET'S HAVE IT, BUZZY, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU DIDN'T DO THE COACHING JOB, YOU CAME TO THE GAME LATE WITHOUT CALLING AND EXPECTED TO PLAY, AND YOUR GRADES AREN'T UP TO PAR.



THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. I'VE JUST BEEN HAVING A STREAK OF BAD LUCK.



IT'S...WELL, ALL OF A SUDDEN THINGS AREN'T GOING AS WELL AS THEY USED TO.

THERE'S LOTS OF HELP HERE IF YOU ASK FOR IT... THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR, YOUR TEACHERS...WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT.



AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU, BUZZY. FAT ALBERT AND THE KIDS TOLD US SOME OF WHAT HAPPENED ON...

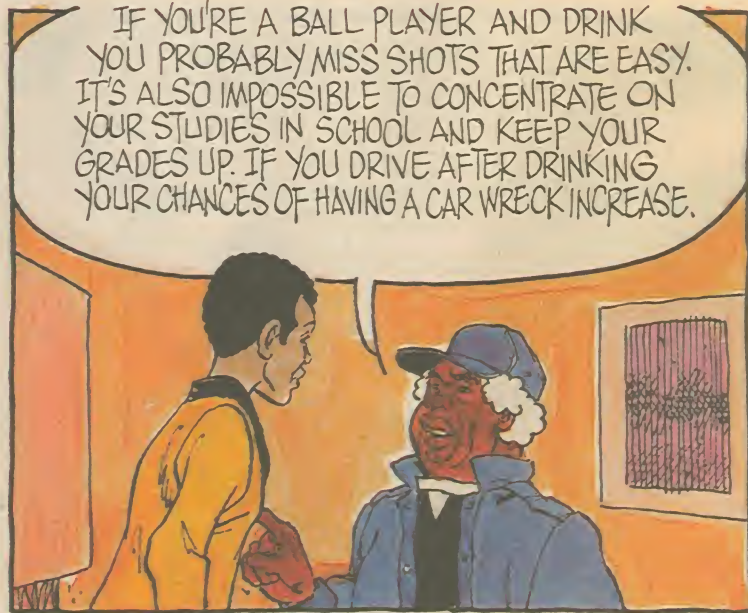
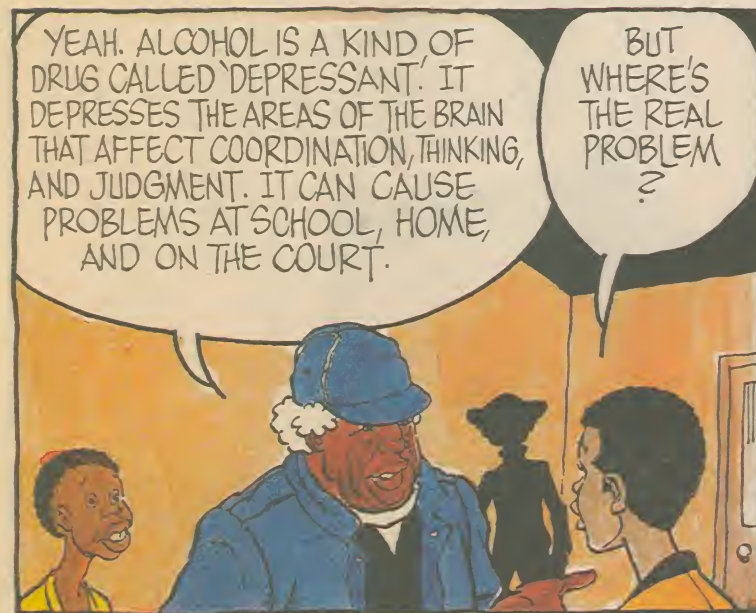


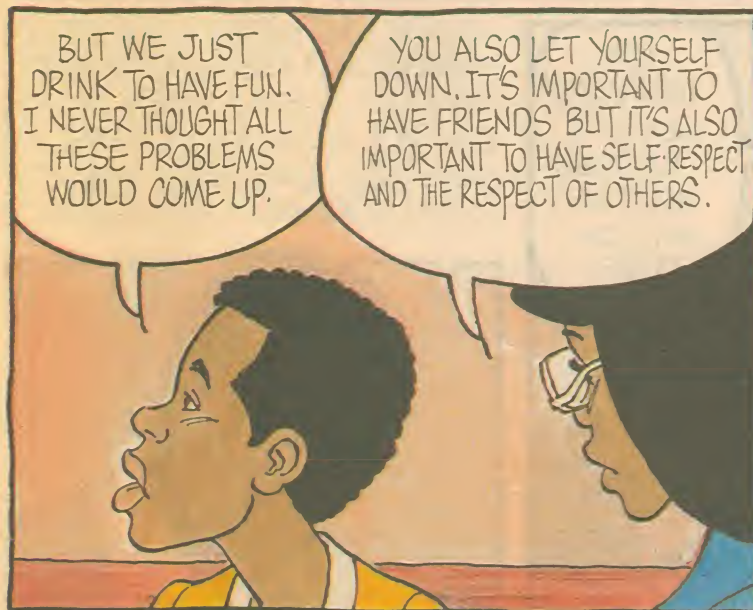
I SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT MY TAKING A TASTE.





I DON'T THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT NOBODY BEING HURT. YOU'RE IN TROUBLE WITH YOUR GRADES, YOUR PARENTS, AND IF THIS CONTINUES, YOU'LL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE TEAM BECAUSE OF DRINKING AND HANGING OUT WITH THOSE GUYS.





WELL, DAD, I DON'T WANT THE GUYS TO THINK I'M ACTING LIKE A BABY, BUT I SURE DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD KEEP ME FROM PLAYING BALL. MY GOAL IS TO GO TO COLLEGE AND BECOME A PRO BASKETBALL PLAYER.



THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND I DON'T WANT TO CHANCE NOT BEING HEALTHY ENOUGH TO DO THAT, OR ANYTHING ELSE I WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE.



SAYING NO ISN'T EASY. YOUR FRIENDS KNOW THAT, TOO, EVEN IF THEY DON'T ADMIT IT TO YOU.



I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU TALK TO A GUY I KNOW WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE PTA. HE WORKS WITH KIDS AND UNDERSTANDS THE PRESSURE YOU'RE UNDER. AND HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT ALCOHOL AND YOUTH.



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT TALKING WITH HIM?



OKAY, DAD.



HEY, YOU GUYS, I OWE YOU ONE. MAYBE WE CAN GET A GAME IN WEDNESDAY AT THE PLAYGROUND.



SEE THERE, YOU GUYS... I TOLD YOU BUZZY WAS AN OKAY DUDE.

SOUNDS LIKE BUZZY HAS STOPPED DRINKING AND FEELS GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF. HE HAS THINGS UNDER CONTROL AGAIN. HIS LETTERS IN BASKETBALL CAN SPELL A HAPPY FUTURE FOR HIM IF HE'S SMART.



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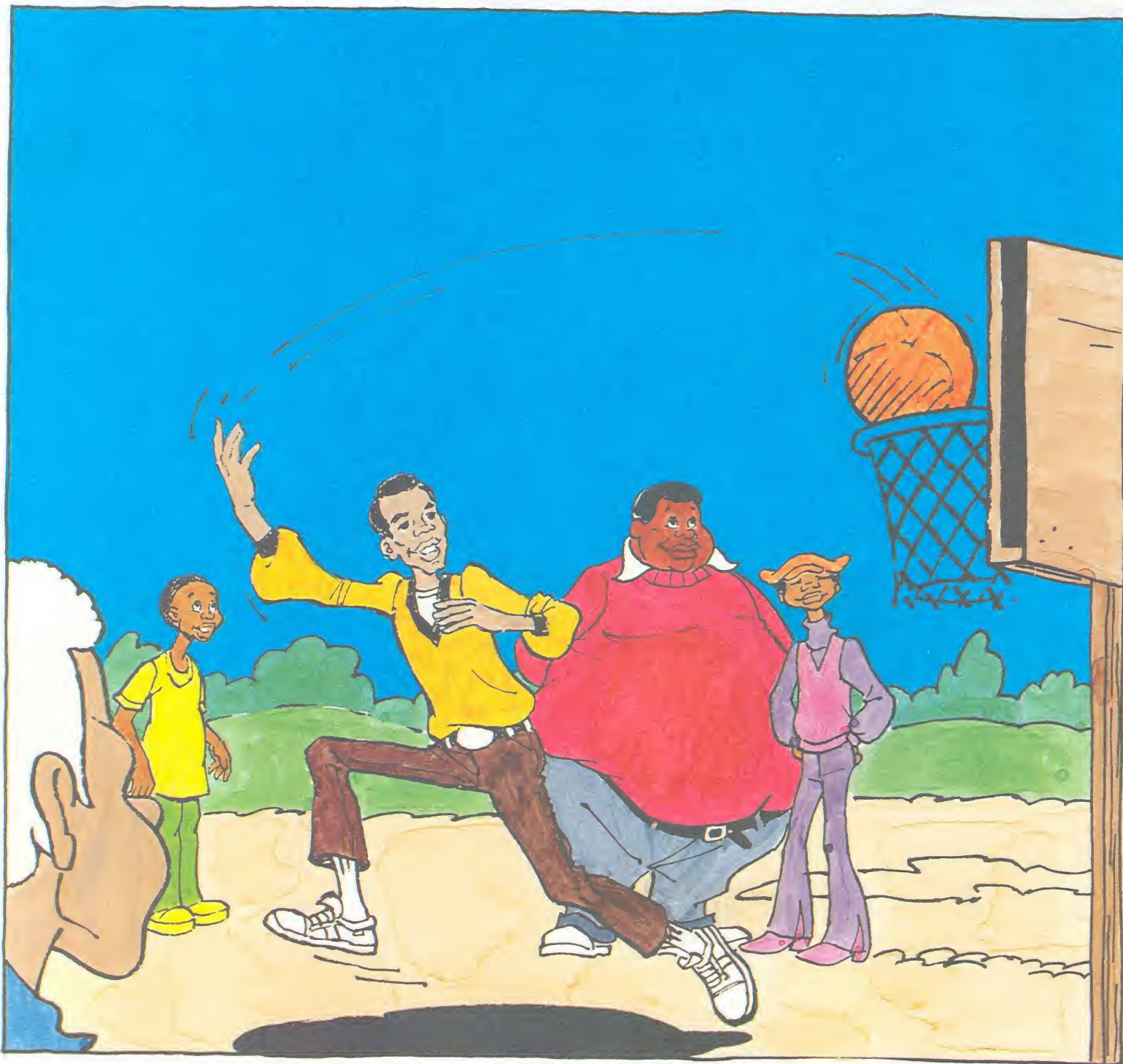
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